(*g*) whether there have been complaints from the local businessmen of unfair and unequal competition by the company in trade in general;

(*h*) whether the company has issued its Statutory Report and the balance sheet; and

(*i*) whether the Government have considered at any time the need to take steps to prevent exploitation of the backward area by the Big Business from the north?

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" (*a*) Rs. 1 crore and Rs. 30 lakhs respectively.

" (*b*) Rs. 16 lakhs and Rs. 9,00,120 respectively.

" (*c*) No, Sir. A suggestion was however made to the company to encourage the appointment of local people to a good number of the higher posts.

" (*d*) No, Sir.

" (*e*) No, Sir.

" (*f*) Yes. But the Government have been informed by the Company's representatives that the Company will not expand its activities beyond oil and allied products.

" (*g*) Yes, Sir.

" (*h*) Yes, Sir.

" (*i*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the Press Note[a] No. 123, dated 18th September 1946, issued by the Government."

Andhra Paper Mills, Limited, Rajahmundry.

* 134 *Q.*—SRI S. B. ADITYAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(*a*) the shares issued, shares paid-up, debentures issued and other particulars relating to the capital of the Andhra Paper Mills, Limited, Rajahmundry;

(*b*) the capacity of the Mills;

(*c*) the production of the Mills since 1942, in tons (year-war);

(*d*) the periods during which the Mills were closed, and the reasons for closing;

(*e*) whether allegations of blackmarketing of paper were made against the management, during the war period;

(*f*) if so, whether the Government held any inquiry or took any other action, and with what results;

(*g*) whether the company has been directed to be wound up under the orders passed by the High Court;

(*h*) whether the Government have taken any, and, if so, what steps to keep the Mills in production; and

(*i*) whether the Government propose to take over the Mills and run them as State concern?

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[a] Printed as Appendix III on pages 727–729 infra.

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THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" (a) The information required is furnished in the statement[a] placed on the table.

" (b) Ten tons per day.

" (c)

Year.	Production in tons.
4th August 1942 to 31st March 1943 (8 months).	755
1943-44 ..	1,233
1944-45 ..	1,859
1945-46 ..	2,055
1946-47 ..	1,822
1st April to 25th May 1947 ..	175

Particulars regarding production for the period and prior to 4th August 1942 are not available.

" (d) The Andhra Paper Mills, which were erected in 1920 worked continuously only from 1942. No information is available as regards the periods during which the mills were closed during 1920–42 and the reasons therefor. The mills stopped working from 26th May 1947. It is reported that the management closed down the mills as they were running at a loss.

" (e) Yes, Sir.

" (f) Yes, Sir. The Government appointed an authorized controller to see that the paper produced by the mills was properly accounted for and equitably distributed. As a result of this appointment, the level of production by the mills increased.

" (g) Yes, Sir.

" (h) & (i) The matter is under consideration."

SRI S. B. ADITYAN :—" In view of the acute shortage of paper, Sir, will the Government depute an officer to consider this question and see whether Government can take over and continue this factory?"

THE HON. SRI SITHARAMA REDDI :—" I think that the matter is under consideration."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I ask the Government, Sir, whether they have received any applications from the people of the locality who are prepared to run the factory at any time?"

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" Some representations have been received by the Government from the people of the locality."

Coal consumed in each district in the Province.

* 135 Q.—SRI B. NARAYANASWAMI NAYUDU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(a) the total quantity of coal in all its varieties consumed by each district in the Province in 1946–47 and 1945–46, and in what

[a] Printed as Appendix IV on page 730 infra.